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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period from 21 to 30 September 1995.

21 September 1995

1. Southern region: 58 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

22 September 1995

1. Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah, Mosul, Irbil and Aqrah.

2. Southern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Jalibah, Busayyah, Artawi and Shanafiyah.

3. On 22 September 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0813 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 0926 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1110 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1142 hours.

23 September 1995

1. Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Aqrah, Ayn Zalah, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Chabaish and Artawi.

24 September 1995

1. Northern region: 6 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Chabaish, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah and Busayyah.

3. On 24 September 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0947 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 0956 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1020 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1230 hours.

25 September 1995

1. Northern region: 8 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Irbil, Zakho, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 69 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Shatrah and Busayyah.

3. On 25 September 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1015 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1035 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1200 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1247 hours.

26 September 1995

1. Northern region: 6 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 66 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Qurnah, Shatrah, the area to the south of Najaf, Jalibah and Busayyah.

3. On 26 October 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1034 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1135 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1327 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1405 hours.

27 September 1995

1. Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Chabaish and Jalibah.

28 September 1995

1. Northern region: 8 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 69 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. On 28 September 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0910 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1030 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1200 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1218 hours.

29 September 1995

1. Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Aqrah, Mosul and Irbil.

2. Southern region: 78 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Artawi, Jalibah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Shu'aybah and Basra.

3. On 29 September 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1215 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1431 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1610 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1650 hours.

30 September 1995

1. Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Mosul, Irbil and Tall Afar.

2. Southern region: 102 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Artawi, Busayyah, Jalibah and Safwan.

3. At 1010 hours on 30 September 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1208 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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